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SUBJECT: UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS

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1. UNV DIRECTOR, JOHN GORDON, HAS INVITED DONOR COUNTRIES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD IN GENEVA, MAY 4-5, 1976. FRANCIS LUZZATTO, DIRECTOR OF MULTILATERAL AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS, PEACE CORPS, WILL ATTEND.

2. PAPERS PROVIDED BY UNV (COPIES BEING POUCHED) CONCENTRATE ON STATED NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO RENDER VOLUNTEERS COMPETITIVE -- IN THE VIEW OF MANY LDC RECIPIENTS -- WITH ASSOCIATE EXPERTS FUNDED BY UNDP. UNV ARGUES THAT MORE MONEY IS NEEDED TO PAY IN-COUNTRY COSTS OF ALL VOLUNTEERS IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TO COVER EXTERNAL COSTS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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3. IT IS ARGUED THAT UNV IN-COUNTRY COSTS ARE A DRAIN

UPON RECIPIENT'S IPF WHEREAS ASSOCIATE EXPERTS AND BILATERAL VOLUNTEERS ARE FUNDED BY EXTERNAL SOURCES. HENCE,

RECIPIENTS TEND TO PREFER THE LATTER CATEGORIES EVEN THOUGH UNV'S MAY BE EQUALLY QUALIFIED.

4. WE ARE CONSIDERING USG SUPPORT OF THE ALLOCATION OF

AN ADDITIONAL DOLS 1 MILLION FROM THE UNDP TO PAY (A) IN-COUNTRY COSTS OF ALL UNV'S IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN 1976 AND 1977 AND (B) EXTERNAL COSTS OF VOLUNTEERS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THIS SOLUTION IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR SUPPORT FOR UNV, FOR CONCENTRATION OF DEVELOPMENT AID IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AND FOR EXPANSION OF THE BASIC CONCEPT OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. UNDP FUNDING OF UNV WOULD THUS BE A TOTAL OF DOLS 2 MILLION, OF WHICH WE WOULD SUPPORT ALLOCATION OF DOLS 1 MILLION FROM THE PROGRAM RESERVE AND DOLS 1 MILLION FROM THE SPECIAL MEASURES FUND FOR LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THE LATTER FUND IS MOSTLY SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ALTHOUGH A PORTION IS DERIVED FROM THE PROGRAM RESERVE.

6. WE ALSO BELIEVE EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE UNV TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNV SPECIAL VOLUNTARY FUND AND THAT IN-COUNTRY COSTS IN LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO BE PAID FROM THIS FUND. BUT IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THIS FUND WILL NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE ADDITIONAL COSTS OF A MODERATE EXPANSION OF THE UNV PROGRAM IN 1976 AND 1977.

7. MISSION'S REACTION AND COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO PERMIT ADEQUATE INSTRUCTION OF US REPRESENTATIVE. SISCO

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